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SUBJECT: EAL, THE DIRG AND TWA: DENOUEMENT?

REF: ADDIS 4391 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. COL. SEMRAT MEDHANE'S APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING WAS ANNOUNCED ON RADIO ETHIOPIA'S AMHARIC NEWSCAST (WITH A SERIES OF OTHER APPOINTMENTS TO BE REPORTED IN SEPTTEL) AT 1400 HOURS LOCAL APRIL 17.

2. IRONICALLY, EAL'S EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (UNION) REACHED A FORMAL POSITION IN SUPPORT OF COL. SEMRAT'S CONTINUING LEADERSHIP AS GENERAL MANAGER OF EAL. THE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION'S POSITION IN SUPPORT OF SEMRAT HAS BEEN RECORDED IN A LETTER TO THE DIRG SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSMITTED TODAY.

3. THE SENIOR TWA ADVISER TO ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES INFORMS US THAT THREE DAYS AGO HE RECORDED TWA'S VIEWS IN AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE DIRG. THIS COMMUNICATION ALSO STRONGLY OPPOSED SEMRAT'S TRANSFER TO OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. CAA ADMINISTRATOR BG TEFESSE AYALEW SUCCEEDS COL. SEMRAT AS  
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GENERAL MANAGER OF EAL.

5. TWA/NEW YORK HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THESE ACTIONS AND, PRESUMABLY, IS INFORMING SEMRAT THEREOF TODAY. IT SEEMS LIKELY, THEREFORE, THAT SEMRAT WILL ANNOUNCE THE NEWS OF HIS TRANSFER TO THE EMERGENCY IATA EXECSEC MEETING CONVENING IN MONTREAL TOMORROW, APRIL 18.

6. COMMENT: CONCEIBABLY, THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN WRITING BY WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE A HEALTHY MAJORITY OF THE ETHIOPIAN EAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION TO THE DIRG COULD STILL CAUSE THE LATTER TO REVERSE ITSELF. HOWEVER, CLEARLY, THIS IS FAR LESS LIKELY IN THE WAKE OF THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEMRAT'S NEW APPOINTMENT. HUMMEL

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